TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 25th November 1922.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT*)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, at Eleven Thirty of the Clock. The President was in the chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Production of Paddy in the State.

116. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken to increase the production of paddy in the State?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The member's attention is invited to the following G. O's published in the Government Gazette:

(1) No. 1444/F. & M. R., dated the 18th April, 1917.

(2) No. 930/L. R., dated the 8th February, 1920.

(3) Dis. No. 1197 of 22/Revenue, dated the 2nd November, 1922.

Increase of Food Production in the State.

117. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Economic Development Board has made any proposals for the increase of food production, especially the output of paddy, in Travancore; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to carry out their recommendations?

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[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The member is referred to G. O. Dis. No. 1197 of 22/Revenue, dated the 2nd November, 1922, published in the Government Gazette dated the 7th November, 1922. The other recommendations of the Board are receiving the attention of Government.

State Bank.

118. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage of consideration the idea of opening a State Bank for Travancore stands?

MR. K. GEORGE: The scheme relating to a State-aided Bank which is an important one deserves careful consideration and is engaging the attention of Government.

Supply and Price of Salt.

119. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council why Bombay salt and local salt are not supplied to the Quilon Depôt?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that people prefer Bombay salt to Tinnevelly salt for domestic use and that the prices of Bombay salt and local salt at Quilon are very high?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to give a statement of the prices of Bombay salt and Tinnevelly salt at the places whence they are brought, as also the cost of importation of these two kinds of salt?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state why Bombay salt is not sent out of the Alwaye Circle from the Munambam Depôt?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council whether the Tinnevelly salt issued from the Quilon Depôt agrees with the sample produced by the contractor?

(*f*) Will the Government be pleased to state why Bombay salt and Tinnevelly salt are sold in certain proportions and why Bombay salt alone is not sold at the Alleppey Salt Depôt?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The quantity of local salt manufactured is hardly sufficient to meet the demands of the Trivandrum Division. The quantity of salt required for the Quilon Depôt is therefore imported from Tinnevelly on account of the convenience of transport. As soon as a sufficient quantity of local salt becomes available, it will be transported to Quilon in lieu of Tinnevelly salt.

(*b*) Government are informed that the predilection in favour of Bombay salt is gradually wearing away. Bombay salt is less pure than home or Tinnevelly salt. The retail price of Bombay salt is the same both at Quilon and at Alleppey, *viz.*, 4 chs. per *Edangali*.

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